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Dear Sir,

In reply to the first action dated November 23, 2005 with three months to answer ending on February 23, 2006, Applicant has amended the claims and submits an affidavit of John B. McCraw with the remarks that follow. Clean and marked copies of the claims are submitted for entry by the Examiner.

Remarks

In the first official action of the United States Patent Office the Examiner has rejected Applicant's claims 1 through 22 essentially on the references submitted with and distinguished in the application as filed.

Examiner has rejected claims 1, 9, 17-20 on '492 as disclosing a channel with filler cords said to be placed and functioning as Applicants drain. Specifically the '492 filler cords act as a sponge capable of spreading internally while the external ends are held together. Every embodiment disclosed in '492 has a supporting